



Connecting Paddlers to Florida Water Trails

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The Florida Paddling Trails Association (FPTA) would like to sincerely thank **Hernando County Parks and Recreation** for supporting our annual cleanup effort at Ten Palms primitive campsite, which is on the 1,515-mile Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (CT).

Since Ten Palms is only two miles north of **Alfred A McKethan Pine Island Park**, FPTA "Trail Keeper" volunteers prefer to kayak (with tools) from Pine Island Park. Our backup is Bayport, requiring more time and a distance of more than 4.5 miles.

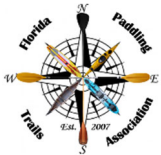
In this letter, we specifically want to shine the light on **Rob Talmage!**

During the past several years, hurricanes have taken a toll on treasures like Alfred A McKethan Pine Island Park, requiring Hernando County to close its gates. During the multiple closures, **Rob** understood the importance of Trail Keeper work and coordinated to grant FPTA access to launch from the park.

Thanks to **Rob**, and **Hernando County Parks and Recreation**, our volunteers successfully completed multiple post-hurricane cleanups at Ten Palms in time for the 1,515-mile CT paddle season!

With Gratitude,

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